

Greetings,

I used to work for an Internet Service Provider, and have worked in IT for the last 13 years. I also provide internet services (in a limited way) to some other people at the moment.

Requiring ISPs, Broadband providers and VOIP providers to replace all of their equipment in order to make it easier for wiretapping is going to do nothing but hurt these industries. If new equipment is going to be required then at least have the decency to allow companies to use their current equipment until they would normally replace it.

I disagree with the entire concept of "making it easier to tap communications" as the real criminals are going to use countermeasures to get around such surveillance anyway. While Ciphers can be broken a true code requires the key. If a suspect mentions "getting the cake for the birthday party" he might genuinely mean "getting the cake for the birthday party" while starting the conversation with "Good Morning" instead of "Hi" might mean that the drug shipment is on it's way.

Given that the FBI have other ways of obtaining the same information as a wiretap of a VOIP exchange it does not seem that there is a need for these additional abilities. In fact if anything this will make us less secure rather than more as the ability to track so much more information will mean that the people responsible for analysing the information in the end will have so much more crap to wade through to get to the one or two useful nuggets.

Yours,

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